

**Marijuana Policy Panel
Meeting Minutes for May 12, 2004**

AMENDED

The meeting was held in City Hall, Room 370.

Members in attendance: Nyrop, Stark, Holden, Mochizuki, Cunningham, Rasmussen, Kigvamasud'vashti

Members absent: Holcomb, Carr, Satterberg, Licata

Staff: Nuerenberg, Harper

Case Number, location of arrest, how look to look at data

Question at this meeting: "When does a case become available for public viewing?"

E-mail response from Alice Holcomb: "All criminal cases become available for public viewing as soon as they are filed with the court having jurisdiction over the matter (for our purposes, Seattle Municipal Court, King County Superior Court, and King County District Court). The cases remain available for public viewing regardless of the ultimate disposition (conviction, dismissal, or acquittal) unless the court grants a motion to seal the file or disposes of the file on its own initiative (which happens in Seattle Muni Court after a certain amount of time has passed when the case has been dismissed)."

Tom Carr should answer the "what is an open case?" question.

Marijuana arrests—best statistics would come from City Attorney and County Prosecutor

Mochizuki cannot get the number of marijuana arrests through database—Need to get from Prosecutor

How do we get the numbers straight?

Marijuana-related incidents/felony arrests. Not all these go to Satterberg as a marijuana charge

SPD can't produce misdemeanor marijuana numbers - Carr's office can

Section 3: SPD will give an aggregate number of all marijuana-related incidents, including:

- Total number of case numbers drawn
- Felony referrals
- Effective April 1

Can they go back several years?

City Attorney is unwilling to give case numbers. County attorney is willing to give them.

Need to meet to determine what report information is required or helpful.

Council will be sent an email regarding reporting criteria

Should we compare Seattle's cost savings post I-75 with cities of similar size without such an ordinance?

Felony and City referrals – Start with April 1 data
Aggregate number— Start with April 1 data

End of September is when 1st round of reporting will close. That data will be available to panel at the beginning of October.

A contractual agreement signed by panelists should be in place to ensure confidentiality among panelists.

The final meeting as a full panel before going to quarterly meetings will occur the last week of June.

Public Comment:

Sunil

- Carr should be here
- Socio-economic issues
- Reports should come monthly

Andy Ko

- Effects of initiative in comparison to prior practice
- Should go back a few years for an impact/frame of reference

What qualifies as medical marijuana? Can it be raised as a possible area for reporting?

We need standardizations for medical professionals. Guidelines are not adequate in SPD.